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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/608,066; Filed: June 30, 2000
For: **Compositions and Methods for Enhanced Sensitivity and Specificity
of Nucleic Acid Synthesis**
Inventors: Astatke *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4990001/RWE/BJD

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
2. Our check no. 32215 in the amount of \$1,966.00 to cover the appropriate fees;
3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (*in duplicate*);
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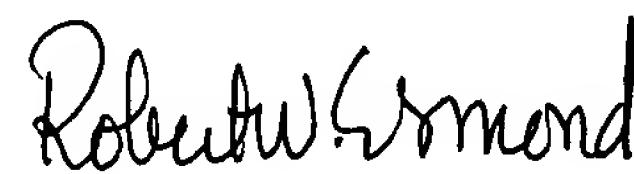
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Respectfully submitted,

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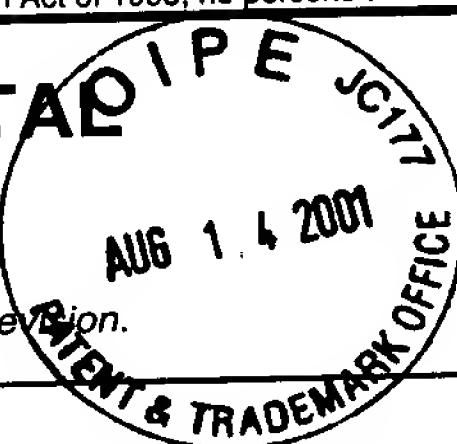
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Indep. Claims 11- 7** = 4	X 80.00	= 320.00
Multiple Dependent	270.00	= 270.00

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103	18	203	9 Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135 Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209	40 **Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9 *Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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